

MoDOT Begins Spring Bus Inspection Program

In a few weeks, the Missouri Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Service staff will be conducting passenger-carrier safety inspections throughout the state.

Although conducted statewide, special emphasis will be placed on tourist areas where the passenger-carrier business is more frequent. Safety inspections such as these remind passenger carriers to keep safety at the top of day-to-day activities. These checks reinforce compliance with requirements for both equipment and drivers.

MoDOT is proud of the ongoing safety record for Missouri passenger carriers. Missouri has seen a consistent decline in the amount of passenger carriers given an Out-Of-Service rating when they are inspected. Hopefully, the trend will continue.

MoDOT's bus-inspection program received nationwide exposure when television's



Inside Edition aired a national broadcast last fall featuring the Motor Carrier Service Enforcement Section conducting motor-coach inspections in Branson.

MoDOT appreciates the continued support given to the program by Branson theater groups, area casinos, airports in St. Louis and Kansas City, motor-coach companies and tour groups that visit the state.

Some Motor Carrier Services Staff Find New Location

To better assist our customers with the upcoming renewal season, staff handling the Single State Registration Program, intrastate and interstate exempt applications, insurance and tariff filings will be moving.

On July 18, the office will move to 1617 Southridge, Jefferson City, Mo., which is the current location for the International Fuel Tax Agreement and International Registration Plan application and renewal staff. The safety

compliance enforcement group will remain at 301 W. High Street, Room 230, in the Truman Building. Oversize/Overdimension Program staff will remain at 2211 St. Mary's Blvd.

Phone, fax and post office box numbers will remain the same until the final consolidation move in the spring.

Refer to the back of this newsletter for contact information.

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New Policy Addresses Safety Fitness

On Aug. 22, 2000, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration published a final rule in the Federal Register to implement Section 4009 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Section 4009 requires the secretary of transportation to maintain a procedure for determining the safety fitness of an owner or operator of commercial motor vehicles, and prohibits all motor carriers found to be unfit from operating in interstate commerce.

Prior to Section 4009, this prohibition (contained in 49 CFR 385.13) applied only to motor carriers using CMVs to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, or quantities of hazardous materials requiring a placard. The final rule treats an unsatisfactory safety rating as a determination of unfitness.

The TEA-21 provision expands similar prohibitions to all other motor carriers, regardless of their cargo, which are found by the FMCSA to have a final safety rating of "unsatisfactory."

With the new rule, non-hazardous material passenger motor carriers have 60 days to improve a safety rating before it becomes final. Once final the carrier is issued a shutdown order by FMCSA, which will become effective on the 61st day. General freight motor carriers that occasionally transport quantities of hazardous materials will have only 45 days to improve the proposed unsatisfactory safety rating before it becomes final. Once the unsatisfactory rating is final, the entire motor carrier operation is prohibited from operating in interstate commerce.

If a for-hire motor carrier or private carrier is served with a shutdown order by FMCSA, they are also prohibited from operating in intrastate transportation.

Fall 2003 Safety Training Sessions

Motor Carrier Services soon will be conducting two-day training sessions, designed to help motor carriers comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations and provide updates and information on other motor-carrier program requirements.

- Day 1 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Training topics will cover all you need to know to survive a compliance review including driver qualifications, drug and alcohol testing, drivers' hours of service, vehicle maintenance and inspections. A short overview of MCS functions will also be discussed.
- Day 2 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with two sessions running concurrently.

Session 1 will include instructions on the Hazardous Materials Regulations (shipping papers, marking, labeling, hazardous materials training requirements, etc.), a short overview of MCS functions and a discussion on penalties, prosecutions and violations.

Session 2 will include a short overview of MCS functions; updates on intrastate and interstate programs (including the New Carrier Entrant Program), the International Fuel Tax Agreement, the International Registration Plan, Overdimension/Overweight Permitting; and other topics including out of state registrations, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations, sales tax exemptions, leasing and how to file a complaint.

The training will be held at the locations and dates below. Seating is limited. For reservations at any or part of the sessions at the locations below, please contact Ann Vaught toll free at 1-866-831-6277 extension #2; or (573) 751-7117; or fax (573) 751-4354; or by E-mail at vaughta1@mail.modot.state.mo.us.

August

August 5 - 6
Ramada Inn
2608 East Malone
Sikeston, MO 63801
573-471-4700

August 12 - 13
Sheraton Four Points
3400 Rider Trail
Earth City, MO
314-291-5752

August 19 - 20
Lamplighter Inn
2820 N. Glenstone
Springfield, MO 65803
417-869-3900

September

September 3 - 4
Days Inn
South Hwy 63
Kirksville, MO 63501
660-665-8244

September 9 - 10
Park Place Hotel
1601 North Universal Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64120
816-483-9900

September 16 - 17
The Village Pavilion
303 S. Vansant
Clinton, MO 64735
660-890-2272

September 24 - 25
Best Western
1937 Christy Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101
573-635-4175

New Hazardous Materials Security Training Regulations Enacted

RSPA-02-12064 (HM-232); Hazardous Materials: Security Requirements for Offerors and Transporters of Hazardous Materials; Final rule; Published 3/25/2003; 68 FR 14509.

Regulation summary: The Research and Special Programs Administration is establishing new requirements to enhance the security of hazardous materials transportation. Shippers and carriers of certain hazardous materials must develop and implement security plans. In addition, all shippers and carriers of hazardous materials must assure that their employee training includes a security component. The regulation focuses on two major points.

- Shippers and carriers subject to the registration requirements in 49 CFR part 107 or who offer or transport select agents and toxins regulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must develop and implement security plans.
- Hazmat employers must provide security training to their hazmat employees. Hazmat employees of companies required to have a security plan under this final rule must be trained in the plan's specifics. All hazmat employees must receive training that provides an awareness of the security issues associated with hazardous materials transportation and possible methods to enhance transportation security. This training must also include a component covering how to recognize and respond to possible security threats.

Hazardous Materials Regulations and Procedures Workshop

The Missouri Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Services Unit, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Emergency Response Commission, U.S. Department of Transportation, OSHA, and Industry Associations are sponsoring a one-day Hazardous Materials Regulations & Procedures Workshop in St. Louis on July 15.

The workshop will be held at St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley Campus Student Center, 3400 Pershall Road, in St. Louis. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and classes last 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

If you ship or transport hazardous materials, hazardous waste in commerce, test, inspect, or operate cargo tanks, you should plan to attend. The workshop is not designed as a complete or detailed class on every hazardous materials regulations and does not satisfy the training requirements of 49 CFR Section 172.700.

For registration and information call: 573.636.3246 or 847.294.8589.

Employee News

Promotions

Kathy Hatfield was promoted to an intermediate motor carrier specialist within Motor Carrier Services. Kathy has been with the department for two and a half years.

Farewell

Susan Trowbridge, account technician, retired after 20 years working with the department.

Datelines

July 31

Second quarter IFTA returns due.

August 1

Renewal period begins for Single State Registration, Interstate Exempt Stamps and Intrastate Stickers.

August 18 & 19

IFTA & IRP renewals will be mailed. Recommend filing renewals by Sept. 15, 2003. Renewals must be postmarked Oct. 1, 2003.

Did You Know?

Effective July 1, all Missouri Motor Vehicle Branch offices will implement a \$2.50 processing fee for all transactions performed on the application for Missouri title and or license - Form DOR-108.

News on Wheels

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